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To the Baptists of Coldwater Association.

Dear Brethren :—

At the close of the Association at Byhalia I paid to Brother J. B. Gambrell, for printing *and mailing* 1000 minutes, $35.70—all the money sent up after deduct-in my salary. To save expense and get the minutes to the churches, I arranged for him to mail them and paid him to do it. After waiting till Christmas supposing the brethren had their minutes to my great surprise they were sent to me here at Nashville *at my expense* for me to mail. The fault was not Brother Gambrell's, however. His foreman, instead of sending out the minutes as I had arranged *and paid for*, sent them here to me and then "skipped out" not only with *my* money but a large amount of Brother Gambrell's. This necessitated a correspondence which caused more delay and then I had to wait to have this explanation printed. I regret the delay *deeply*, brethren, but it could not be avoided.

Hoping this apology will explain the matter satisfactorially, I am

Fraternally yours,

J. H. AMACKER, Clerk.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Delegates from the churches composing the Coldwater Baptist Association met in Forty-Seventh Annual Session. with the church at Byhalia, Marshall county, Miss., Oct., 18th. A. D. 1888. After being called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. D. Miller, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Farmer, (the appointee of last session, Elder J. W. Lee being absent,) from Matt. 28:16. Theme: "Christian Earnestness." At the close of the sermon, Elder W. D. Howze led in prayer.

On motion of Elder E. L. Wesson, adjourned until half-past 1 P. M., for dinner. Benediction by Elder W. M. Farmer.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled. The Moderator read Acts 13th chapter, and Elder E. W. Spencer led in prayer. The letters from the churches were called for and read by Elder E. W. Spencer and Brother A. B. F. Crawford, reading clerks, and delegates' names enrolled. After reading the letters,

On motion of Elder J. H. Amacker, proceeded to permanent organization, Elder W. I. Hargis and Brother L. J. Shinault acting as tellers. The election resulted in the choice of Elder E. D. Miller, Moderator, Elder J. H. Amacker, Clerk, and Brother T. C. Dockery, Treasurer. The Moderator elect, on taking the chair, thanked the body in a brief but feeling speech for its continued confidence.

Appointed correspondence as follows:

Big Hatchie—Jobe Harral, W. D. Howze, M. Whittle, E. D. Miller.

Chickasaw Association—Elders I. M. Gray, W. M. Gordon, E. L. Wesson, Jobe Harral.

Tippah Association—Elder E. L. Wesson, Brother C. F. Brewton and Miss Pattie Rodgers.

Sardis, East, (Col.)—Elder W. M. Farmer, W. H. Burton.

Oxford Association—Elders H. J. Legge, E. W. Spencer, N. F. Metts and Brother J. C. Droke.

Sunflower Association—Elders Jobe Harral, H. J. Legge and Brethren S. P. Dolahite, D. S. McCrackin and W. R. Barbee.

State Convention—Elders Jobe Harral, H. J. Legge, E. W. Spencer, W. D. Howze, E. D. Miller and Brethren J. G. Hall, S. P. Dolahite, D. S. McCrackin.

Invited correspondig messengers to seats. Accepted by Elder J. E. Buchanan, from Big Hatchie Association, and Elder W. J. Hargis, from Oxford Association.

On motion of Elder W. D. Howze, a Finance committee was appointed consisting of Brethren T. C. Dockery, B. L. Milam and B. F. Martin.

On motion of Elder E. W. Spencer, a committee was appointed on Devotional Exercises consisting of the pastors and Deacons of Byhalia Church.

On motion of Elder E. L. Wesson, resolved to meet and adjourn as follows:

Meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.; meet again at half-past 1 P. M., and adjourn at 3:45 P. M.

Elder J. E. Buchanan was appointed to preach in the Baptist church to-night.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by Elder E. W. Spencer.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair. The choir sang "Nearer my God to Thee," and the Moderator read 1st Timothy, 1st chapter, after which the Association bowed in prayer, led by Elder W. P. Bond.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and after slight correction, were approved. The roll of delegates was called and absentees marked.

The Moderator read a communication from the principals of Waverly Female Institute, Messrs. Moore and

Williams inviting the Association to visit the school. Information being received that the school had been dismissed, the teachers hearing that the Association would not have time to make such a visit, on motion of Brother D. S. McCrackin the thanks of the body were tendered the principals for their courteous invitation, and the school was invited to visit the Association.

On motion of Elder John Richardson, a committee of five, viz: Elders Jno. Richardson, W. D. Howze, Jobe Harral, E. L. Wesson and A. M. Harraway were appointed to take into consideration and report to the body the subject of dividing the Association into two bodies.

Elder J. T. Christian, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board and agent for the Baptist Record, was received and invited to a seat; also sister M. J. Nelson, representing the Woman's Central Committee and the work in New Orleans. Sister Nelson was announced to address the ladies at the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock this evening.

The report on Foreign Missions was called, but the appointee, Elder J. W. Collins, being absent in attendance on the Board meeting then in session, it was passed by, and the report on State Missions was read by Elder E. L. Wesson and on motion was made the special order for 10:30 o'clock, A. M.

The report on Domestic Missions was called for, but the appointee, Elder J. W. Lee, being absent, on motion of Elder J. H. Amacker, Elder Jobe Harral was appointed a special committee to report on that subject during the present session of the body.

The report on Sabbath Schools was called for, but the committee, Elder E. W. Spencer, not being ready, it was passed by.

Brother J. G. Hall, the committee appointed to report on Mississippi College, not being present, on motion of Elder J. H. Amacker, Elder W. D. Howze was appointed a special committee to make said report.

The committee on Temperance, Elder J. W. Lipsey, was also absent, and on motion of Brother D. S. McCrackin, Mrs. Belle S. Bates and Miss Ella Van Voris were appointed a special committee on Temperance, to report during the present session.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder J. W. Collins, and on motion of Elder E. L. Wesson, after a brief address by Elder Collins, was for the time, laid on the table.

The hour for the special order having arrived the report of the Executive Board was read by the chairman, Elder E. L. Wesson, and considered in connection with the special order—State Missions—as was also the report of the Colporteur, Elder W. D. Howze. The missionaries of the Board, who had previously reported to the State and Associational Boards, made verbal statements of their work.

On motion of Brother R. P. Bowen, after an interesting discussion participated in by Elders Jobe Harral, J. T. Christian, E. L. Wesson, J. W. Collins, W. M. Farmer and Brother R. P. Bowen, the reports were adopted as follows:

Report on State Missions.

With us State Missions means all the missionary work done in our State under the management of the Convention Board. The different Associations of the State, the General Association excepted, voluntarily united and formed the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and that Convention from year to year elects a Board to search out, and as far as possible, supply all the destitutions in the State with the gospel. This the Board can do only by co-operating with the different Associations. The Convention Board has no money to pay missionaries, except that raised from the Baptists of the State. In most instances the missionaries are employed by the Convention Board, and that Board becomes solely responsible to them for their pay, but in some cases the missionaries are employed by the Convention and Association Boards jointly; as in ours, and in such instances, both boards become responsible for the missionaries' salary. The missionaries employed jointly are paid, if possible, by the Associations in whose bounds they labor, and if there is any more than enough raised in any Association than is necessary to pay the missionaries in her bounds, the surplus is used by the Convention Board in paying missionaries in weak Associations. All the money given to be spent for missions in the State is really given for State Missions, and all the missionaries laboring in the State are counted by the Convention Board; provided the Associational and Convention Boards co-operate. In this way the strong Associations help the weak, and a great work is being done by the Convention Board for the spread of the gos-

pel. By independent action, and co-operation with the different Associations in the State in various ways, the Convention Board has had under its direction the past year 64 missionaries, who have labored 4,823 days, and traveled 48,198 miles; preached 2,740 sermons; visited 7,218 families; baptized 814 persons; organized 14 churches and 39 Sunday Schools, and distributed 40,326 pages of tracts.

The amount received the past year for State Missions is $9,128.45. The Convention Board is doing a good work, and we would recommend our Association to continue a hearty co-operation with it.

E. L. WESSON.

Report Of Association Board.

Brethren, in behalf of the Board I submit the following: At the meeting of the Board during the last session of the Association, as the minutes show, the Board decided to assist Eudora, Hollywood and Bold Springs $75.00 each this year. Some days after, we were informed that the man chosen by Bold Springs and Hollywood could not be had for that amount; therefore we had a call meeting December 20th, 1887, at which time the Board agreed to pay Brother J. W. Collins $170, 00 to preach and do pastoral work for Bold Springs and Hollywood one-half of his time. Brother Collins has filled all his appointments with those churches. The Board also agreed to pay to Brother Jobe Harral $75 00 to preach to the Eudora church. Brother Harral has filled all appointments, except when prevented by bad weather. Also the Board agreed to pay Brother W. M. Farmer $50 00 to preach to the Chulahoma church. Brother Farmer has done his work. The amount promised being only $298 00 the Board thought that too small an amount to be spent in our bounds, and realizing the need of colportage work in our midst, decided to put a colporteur in the field all his time to visit, preach, talk up missions, and sell books and tracts. Said colporteur to furnish his own traveling outfit, select and buy his own books, but buy nothing but books that would benefit the people, mostly doctrinally baptistic, and to take the old books on hand, and dispose of them to the best advantage. All profit on books and tracts sold to be paid to the Board, and said colporteur to be paid not more than $500 00 for his services. The chairman and secretary *pro tem*, Brother P. H Lowrey, were authorized to employ the man. They employed Brother W. D. Howze, who has been faithfully at work ever since. All the Brethren mentioned will make their own report.

THE BOARD,

Report of the Colporteur.

Days of actual service 250; number of miles traveled 2,509; number of sermons preached 72; number of prayer meetings attended 10; number of families visited for religious purposes 590; number of baptism in meetings where I labored 26; number of Sunday School addresses 1; number of pages of tracts distributed 2,000; number of subscribers and renewals for the "Record" 9; amount of books sold $304 65.

The details of service rendered while dry and, to the general reader, devoid of interest to the thoughtful, prayerful friend of missions afford matter for earnest consideration. That days of labor have been performed, miles traveled, sermons preached, families visited and books sold, are all of but little import if we forget these are but means in God's hands of leading souls to Jesus. The direct oral appeals made by the Missionary Colporteur to individuals as well as the continual—we may say everlasting entreaties left behind him in books sold when considered in all their force will give us some faint idea of the importance of Mission Colportage work. "Howell on Communion" was the means in God's hands of making a Christian Baptist of Oncken and to-day there are more than 30 000 Baptists in Germany owing their christianity to Oncken's conversion. Oncken gave "Pengilly's Scripture guide to Baptism" to Andreas Weiberg, which was the means of his conversion. The result has been that 400 Baptist churches, numbering over 27,000 members, have been planted in Sweden by the labors of Weiberg alone. Instances of this sort might be multiplied. While therefore as first stated the details may be dry, it is in contemplating the possible—nay I may say the highly probable results flowing from these labors thus detailed that we are mostly encouraged.

W. D. HOWZE, Colporteur.

The report of the Board showing a deficit in the funds sent up for mission work, pending the adoption of the report, a collection was taken up amounting to $48 35 and a subscription as follows: W. J. Coopwood $5 00, D. P. Harris $5 00.

On motion of Elder W. M. Gordon, adjourned for dinner. Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

Reassembled. The congregation sang "Every day and hour," and bowed in prayer with Elder E. S. Manning.

On motion of Elder J. H. Amacker the report on Foreign Missions was taken up. Brother Wm Rodgers being called to the chair the Moderator opened the discussion of the report, which was participated in by Elders Jobe Harral, W. P. Bond, J. W. Collins, N. F. Metts and John Thompson, and adopted as follows;

Report On Foreign Missions.

A report on Foreign Missions is read, discussed and put in the minutes and sent to the churches almost every meeting of this Association, and yet these reports do little or no good towards arousing our people to a sense of duty on this subject. The subject of Foreign Missions should be the leading subject of our churches this epoch. The whole world is now open for the reception of the gospel. When we examine the statistical reports we see that in the United States there is a minister to every 600 persons, and only one to a half million people in heathen lands, our hearts should run out in sympathy for the poor benighted heathens. The loving Christ said: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," and again we read: "God is no respector of persons."

In China there are 1,500 counties without a single missionary. We have only nine missionaries in that vast empire, and 727 native converts. The last words the sainted Davault sent back across the ocean were: "Help, help, help;" and Sister Crawford begs for your sympathy, prayers and help." Brother will you go?

In Italy our work was begun sixteen years ago. At present we have two missionaries, twelve native preachers, thirteen churches, several sub-stations, three colporteurs, with about 350 church members. Catholicism is mixed with paganism in this field.

The African mission is gaining confidence. For some years this mission was thought to be a failure, but Brother David, from our own State, has been there about thirteen years, and we have there now three missionaries and their wives, and a membership of 149. Thirteen were baptized last year. Brother David has frequent appeals from the people, "Come and preach to us," but he is compelled to answer them, "Not now." Brethren, shall we eliminate the "not" and enable Brother David to say to the people "Now we will preach to you." The "not now" is chargeable to us, brethren. Brother David calls for money and twelve men and their wives. Shall we send them?

In Brazil our missionaries have met with strong and bitter persecution by the Roman Catholics. We have a membership there of 210, forty-nine of whom were baptized last year. Brother Taylor writes back: "O ye Christians, who dwell in ceiled houses and carpeted floors, whom God has blessed with abundance, show a brother's love, and let the remote bounds of heathendom feel its warm impulses."

In Mexico our work was begun in 1880. The Lord has greatly blessed the work there. Now we have eight churches and 500 members. The work is among the best class of people, which will give influence to our efforts. Brother Powell writes:

"I must be reinforced," and ere this he is joined by Brother J. G. Chastain.

Cuba is the latest field entered by our missionaries, but is one of the most promising. This field was thrown into our hands almost miraculously, and while this work has been placed under the supervision of the Home Mission Board, it should not be neglected. God has a purpose in putting that work in our hands. God has peculiarly attracted the Baptists of Mississippi to foreign fields. In China we have Brother Simmons and wife and Sister Janie Lowry Sanford; in Africa, Brother David and wife and Brother W. T. Lumbly; in Italy. Brother John H. Eager; in Brazil, Brother Taylor, of Rankin county, and Sister Emma F. Puthuff, of North Mississippi; in Mexico, Brother Powell and J. G. Chastain. Brethren, let us support those who are already in foreign fields, and "pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COLLINS.

The report on the subject of the division of the Association was read by Elder W. D. Howze of the committee, and on motion of Elder N. F. Metts, was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Division

Your Committee appointed to bring in a report on the resolution asking the churches to consider the subject of dividing the Association, beg to report, that in the absence of all reference to the matter of division by a vast majority of the churches, the committee feels constrained to view it as an unwillingness on the part of the churches to division.

JOHN RICHARDSON,
E. L. WESSON,
JOBE HARRAL,
A. M. HARAWAY,
W. D. HOWZE.

Elder E. L. Wesson moved the appointment of a committee on Publications. Carried: and the Moderator appointed Elder E. L. Wesson to report during the present session.

Elder Jobe Harral moved that the Executive Board of the Association be cut down from one from each church to seven in all. This motion elicited an animated discussion, engaged in by Elders I. M. Gray, J. H. Amacker and Brethren W. W. Perry, Wm. Rodgers, Thomas Woolfolk, J. C. Droke and the Moderator, and appearing to meet with disfavor, was withdrawn. On motion of Elder E. L. Wesson, it was agreed to appoint the new Executive Board the first thing to-morrow.

On motion adjourned. After singing "Praise God from whom

all blessings flow," the benediction was pronounced by Elder J. T. Christian.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sang, "All hail the power of Jesus name." The Moderator read from Luke 14th chapter, and the Association bowed in prayer with Elder Jobe Harral. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Appointed a new Executive Board, consisting of one from each church, as follows: Hernando, T. W. White; Bethel C. F. Boone, Oak Grove J. H. Moore, Hopewell; A. J. Eason, Mt. Manna; John Thompson, Eudora; W. R. Barbee, Central Coldwater; J. W. Lipsey, Ebenezer; T. C. Dockery, Bold Springs; S. A. Hughey, Holly Springs; Saint Rather, Centre Hill; C. M. Hayne, Pleasant Grove; D. P. Harris, Coldwater; B. F. Martin State Line; A. P. Brigance Pleasant Hill; J. B. Moody, Elam; A. W. Rodgers, Bynaha; H. A. Duboise, New Prospect; W. H. Burton, Philadelphia; Ed Baugh, Tyro; G. W. Durley, Union; W. L. Powell, Mt. Zion; J. C. Droke, New Hope, (Tate); W. J. Jamison, Looxahoma; A. J. Dickson, Midway; Thomas Woolfolk, Mt. Moriah; B. L. Milam, Hickory Grove; A. W. Eckles, New Hope, (Lafayette); B. R. McKee, Harmony; Wm. Haynes, Chulahoma; Fennor Moore, Sardis; E. W. Spencer, Salem; R. H. Braddy, Panola; Stephen Van Voris, Longtown; Lee Tate, Senatobia; D. S. McCrackin, McIvor; W. C. Lamaster, Peach Creek; Ed Keating, Unity; J. D. Myers, Alexandria; W. J. Coopwood, White Oak Grove; J. H. Halcombe, Evansville K. D. Howell, Strayhorn, J. M. Gray, Hickory Grove; A. W. Eckles, Como; J. B. Smith, Hollywood; I. B. Howard, Hebron; H. J. Legge.

On motion of Elder J. W. Lee, Deacon J. B. Moody, of Pleasant Hill church was appointed as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention The Moderator announced that Sister M. J. Nelson would address the ladies at the Presbyterian church at half-past 10 o'clock A. M.

Elder Jobe Harral appointed on Home Missions moved in lieu of a report by him that the report submitted last session by Elder J. H. Amacker, on that subject be adopted and reprinted. The report was read by Elder Harral, and it was ordered,

On motion, That the statistics of the report be revised by Elders Harral and Amacker and brought up the present time. The report thus revised was,

On motion of Elder W. D. Howze, adopted and ordered printed as follows:

On Home Missions.

The work of Home Missions, as done by the Southern Baptist Convention, is too little appreciated by the churches of our Association. Overshadowed as it is, by Foreign Missions and the work of our State and Associational Boards, many of our churches hardly realize that there is such a department of Christian labor and entirely fail to appreciate its great importance. In theory, our State Convention bears the same relation to Home Missions that our Associational Board bears to that of the State. But, in practice, the churches in the main either entirely ignore the work or respond to its calls with a pittance that falls far short of our duty. The efforts of the Home Mission Board are directed toward supplying the distitution in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, where there is no State or Associational Board, or where said Boards are too weak to do the work required of them. In addition to this, it is charged with the duty of preaching to and teaching the Indians and colored population. Blessed as we are with churches and ministers, it is hard to realize that there is such destitution in the South as to justify the urgent calls of the Board, yet such is the case All the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River and South of Missouri containing five millions of people and covering an area that is an empire in extent, is missionary ground. East of the river, Florida and all the mountain region, two hundred miles wide and five hundred miles long, constitute another vast field for Christian effort. Scattered over these vast fields are thousands of Baptists—indeed they outnumber all other denominations—yet, in the main, they are poor and ignorant and must have help to sustain themselves in the rapid settling up and development of the country, or go down before the onward rolling tide of irreligion and error. Then, too, the seven millions of negroes scattered over the South, the Indians and the Island of Cuba which was assigned to the Board by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1886, form a part of the Board's department of labor. Here is a vast field, the especial charge of the Board, and nobly has it labored in its development. In Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Western North Carolina and the District of Columbia, it has co-operated with local organizations and much effective work has been done. The Board has put in the field 287 missionaries during the past Conventional year, an increase of thirty-six over the year before, thus showing an increasing interest in the work among the masses of our people. These devoted laborers have supplied 1,114 churches and stations. They baptized 4,857

converts, an increase of 934 over the year before. They established 431 Sabbath-schools with 17,240 teachers and pupils, constituted 306 churches as against 119 the year before, and built 64 houses of worship at a cost of $54,068. In Texas, all the different Baptist bodies have been consolidated into one general Convention, and while her vast field, capable of sustaining a population of 50,000 000 will, for some time to come, require the help of the Board, yet it is contemplated that, in the near future, Texas will, by concentrated effort, be able to look after her own destitutions. Arkansas offers a field of bright promise for missionary effort and her Board, directed by her able corresponding Secretary, Elder M. D. Early, is making rapid progress in organizing and pushing the work. Still her increasing population and rapid development make the help of the Board necessary. Florida and Louisiana need much more help than the Board has been able to give them. From all over these fields the Macedonian cry comes up to the Board—too often—in vain. In New Orleans, the Board has at three different points had the Word preached and much effective work has been done. The First Church is ably served by Brother M. C. Cole; the Valence St. Church is supplied by Brother R. W. Merrill, also the Locust St Station. Three noble, Christian ladies have "labored much in the Lord" in connection with the work in New Orleans, viz.: Mrs. M. J. Nelson, working with the Locust St. Mission. Miss Maitie Cole, with the First Church and Miss Minnie Alfred with the Valence St. Church. These devoted ladies have done valiant service for the Master and gathered hundreds of children into their industrial and Sunday-schools. New Orleans, almost wholly given up to the soul-destroying mummeries of Romanism presents an inviting field for Christian endeavor.

In Cuba, the work done by the Board has far surpassed its most sanguine expectations and, indeed, considering the time and means expended, surpasses anything in the history of modern missions. In January, 1886, a small church was constituted in Havana. In but little over two years over 1,100 have been baptixed and nine native preachers, some of them men of preeminent ability have been raised up to proclaim a pure gospel. Among them, one of the first priests of the island. Eight thousand persons have applied for membership in Baptist churches and to-day, perhaps, little less than half the population of Havana are in sympathy with our people. Day schools and Sunday-schools have been established where hundreds, yea, thousands of children are taught the way of life while nearly one-half the dead of Havana are buried in our Baptist cemetery. The work among the Indians is making commendable progress. In

order to develop the churches, the Board, a year or two ago, withdrew its support and threw them upon their own resources. The result has proven the wisdom of the experiment in arousing their Christian manhood and developing a more active interest in the cause. Among the five civilized tribes, there is an average of one church to every one thousand persons. The churches in the Creek nation are supporting a missionary among themselves, and aiding to support one among the wild tribes. Under the leadership of Brother J. S. Murrow the Choctaws are struggling to sustain a Baptist school at Atoka, where those preparing for the ministry and others, may be taught. They have given liberally of their own means for its support, and if they could raise $500 outside of what they have given would be able to complete an excellent school building already begun there.

Among the colored people the Board from lack of means has been very much restricted in its work, and yet a great deal of good work has been done. In our own State Brother L. Ball and two others have been engaged in this work, and nobly have they wrought. In Georgia Elders W. H. McIntosh and F. C. McConnell, and in Maryland, Elder G. R. Waller appointees of the Board, have done much good work among this class of people. In Alabama Elder B. F. Riley has resigned, and his place has not yet been filled. In Texas the Board has twenty men employed, and yet these are not sufficient for this empire State.

The Ladies' Missionary Societies throughout the South have rendered noble help to the Board. Those of Mississippi have well-nigh supported Mrs. W. J. Nelson in her work in New Orleans. Those of South Carolina have supported Miss Cole in the same city, while those of Maryland have not only supported Miss Alfred, but have given generously to the support of the Evening Manual Labor School in the Indian Territory.

Last, but by no means least, the publications of the Board commend themselves to our attention. In connection with "Kind Words" the Board now issues a series of graded quarterlies, including a magazine for teachers—thus supplying our Sunday Schools with all the literature needed for their work. The influence of this literature in moulding the characters and shaping the lives of the children of our people cannot be overestimated. It not only teaches them a knowledge of our tenets, but inculcates a love of missions and lays broad and deep the foundations for future usefulness. To every Sunday School in our bounds, we would say, "Use the literature of the Home Mission Board

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. AMACKER.

The report on Publications was read by Elder E L. Wesson, and after discussion participated in by Elders Wesson, Jobe Harral, J. B. Gambrell, J. T. Christian and Brother Wm. Rodgers, was adopted, as follows:

Report on Publications.

Of all the reports to the Association, the report on publications is the most important for through the publications recommended, the majority of our people receive their written instruction, which is much more lasting than that received orally, on Sunday School work, mission work, temperance, and all doctrinal points about which Christians differ, also all points of difference between infidels and the Bible. Your committee should therefore be careful in recommending publications However, I feel safe in recommending the publications of the Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, and Kind Words for Sunday School literature, and would recommend the churches to use freely those publications. As a mission paper I heartily recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, and earnestly request every Baptist to take it. As to Baptist papers besides those mentioned, there are many good ones, but as our people cannot take all, your committee would recommend to Baptists first, the Southern Baptist Record; second, The Baptist, after that such Baptist papers as those two may endorse.

E. L. WESSON.

Elder W. D. Howze read the report on Mississippi College. On motion of Elder W. M. Farmer, the report, after being discussed by Elders J. W. Lee, J. B. Gambrell, W. P. Bond, W. M. Farmer, was adopted, as follows:

On Mississippi College.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of reporting on Mississippi College, beg leave to say that Mississippi College has been too long and well known by the people of the State, and especially the Baptists, to need anything said to commend it to this Association. We might further say it has been too frequent and critically made the subject of report on the floor of this body to require anything additional at the hands of your committee to enlighten the brethren present as to its character and the character of its work. We might say too, that the readers of our State organ, the Southern Baptist Record, and there are many such in this house and in the territory of this Association, know more of Mississippi College than any committee not possessed of superior sources of information. Besides, we have in our midst and not only so but scattered abroad over this State and other States, not to mention those in other countries, men who speak more loudly as to the character of

this institution than any committee could possibly do, although these men might never say a word about the College, their conduct, their character in the pulpit and around the fireside would be a finer advertisement than any resolution we might pass. Mississippi College has, we are informed, opened, after the recent yellow fever scare, with good prospects. Nothing need be said about the good accomplished by it in the past, and nothing can be more ardeently desired by its friends than that this be greatly increased in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. HOWZE, Committee.

The Finance Committee reported through its chairman, Brother T. C. Dockery, and on motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

Report on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the churches and individuals have paid to us the aggregate amount of $845 08, to be distributed as follows:

To co-operative missions	$478 65
To foreign missions	136 40
To home missions (Atlanta, Ga.)	37 55
To ministerial education	6 50
To Mississippi College	42 50
To general fund	70 10
To minutes	60 90
The Ladies' Aid Society at Sardis	8 00
S. C. English for Sister Crawford in China	5 00
Total	$845 08

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. DOCKERY,
B. L. MILAM,
B. F. MARTIN,
Committee.

Brother Dockery also submitted his report as treasurer, which, on motion of Elder E. L. Wesson, was adopted, as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

DR.

To Amount from finance committee	$845 80

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By amount paid Brother J. T. Christian	$774 18
By amount paid Brother Amacker for minutes	60 90
Total	$845 08

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. DOCKERY, Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. W. Collins.

Afternoon Session.

Reassembled. After singing by the choir the congregation united with Elder W. I. Hargis in prayer.

On motion, of Elder J. H. Amacker, Brethren W. M. Gordon, W. W. Perry and M. N. Martin were appointed a committee on Nominations.

The committee on Temperance reported through Elder E. L. Wesson. On motion of Elder W. M. Gordon, the report, after discussion, engaged in by Elder W. P. Bond, W. M. Gordon and J. B. Gambrell was adopted as follows:

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance being called on to report, beg leave to state that the investigation of facts proves the following: That $900,000,000 are spent annually for strong drink. That 60,000 drunkards and 150,000,000 paupers are made annually. That the hearts and lives of hundreds of women and children and broken and destroyed. That 10,000 lunatics are made annually. That there is no other power so freighted with evil and ruin as the sale and manufacture of whiskey. That intemperance is allied to all other evils and is the most powerful agent in destroying the happiness of homes and the sanctity of the home circle, and,

WHEREAS, The traffic and intemperance are the avowed enemies of the church and all Christian work, therefore,

Resolved, That total abstinence, the principle of "touch not, taste not, handle not" is the only safeguard for the individual Prohibition for the State and nation, and to this end our Association will give its influence.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE S. BATES,
ELLA VAN VORIS.

Standing committees were announced by the Moderator as follows:

Foreign Missions—Elder J. W. Lee.
State Missions—Elder Jobe Harral.
Home Missions—Elder J. W. Lipsey.
Sunday Schools—J. B. Moody.
Mississippi College—A. B. F. Crawford.
Temperance—E. L. Wesson.
Publications—W. M. Farmer.

Committee on nominations reported through the chairman, Elder W. M. Gordon, that Tyro church had been selected as the place for the next meeting of the Association, Elder J. W. Lee to

preach the Introductory sermon, Elder W. A. O. Daniel alt
nate. The report on Sabbath Schools was submitted by t
committee, Brother A. B. F. Crawford, and on motion of Eld
W. M. Gordon, was adopted, as follows:

Report On Sunday Schools.

The modern Sunday School is an institution unknown to th
New Testament it is extra scriptural; but the same thing can b
said of Associations, Conventions and Convention Board
denominational colleges, and the building of church houses.

Some things we are commanded to do, but the manner o
doing is left to "sanctified common sense." We must "forsak
not the assembling of ourselves together." This is a command
To build a house in which to assemble is simply common sense.
We are to give the gospel to every creature. Common sense
teaches that there is no better way to do this than to marshal the
forces of Zion, hence Associations and Conventions. We are to
teach the word to our own children and to the children of others.
Experience has proved that the Sunday School is a first-class
instrumentality for doing this. "Sanctified common sense" and
experience are both in favor of the Sunday School.

The State Convention that met in Kosciusko four years ago,
called the attention of the Baptists of Mississippi to the fact that
the Sunday School was growing into an independent organiza-
tion; that in many places it had no connection whatever with the
churches. We believe that the work of giving the gospel to all
people is the work of the church, and therefore recommend that
our churches take charge of the Sunday Schools and hold them-
selves responsible for their proper conduct.

We recommend further that the churches, in their letters to
the next meeting of this Association, send full reports of their
work in the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. SPENCER, Committee.

Elder W. M. Farmer offered the following preamble and reso-
lutions, which were adopted, as follows:

Woman's Work.

WHEREAS, Woman's work has not yet been considered by this
Association at this session; and

WHEREAS, We regard it as an important factor in our missions
and general benevolent work, one not to be ignored or indiffer-
ently passed by; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Association heartily commend the work of
the Baptist sisters of this Association, and of the State at large,
and the noble sacrificing work done by the Central Committee of
Woman's Work in the State, of which Mrs. Adelia Hillman, of
Clinton, is president, and Mrs. Minnie C. Dameron, of Jackson,
secretary; and

Resolved, That we commend to the sisterhood of the Coldwater Association Sister Lizzie Mabry, of Senatobia, Miss., who is vice-president for this Association.

Submitted,

W. M. FARMER.

Elder W. M Farmer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, as follows:

Resolved that the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services out of the minute fund, and that the balance of said fund be expended in printing and distributing the minutes.

Also by Elder Farmer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we tender to the other churches of this community our sincere thanks for the use of their houses of worship during the sitting of our body

By Elder W. P. Bond the following:

Resolved, That this Association tender its most hearty thanks to the citizens of Byhalia and the community generally for their most generous hospitality during our session, and pray God's blessing upon them.

On motion of Elder W. M Gordon, the Association adjourned sine die

The Moderator delivered a short but feeling address; and while the choir sang the "Sweet by and by," the members gave each other the parting hand in tears Elder Jobe Harral led in a fervent prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Elder E. D. Miller and the Coldwater Association stood adjourned to meet, God willing, with the church at Tyro, Tate county, Miss., Thursday before the Third Lord's day in October, A. D. 1889.

E. D MILLER, Moderator.

J. H. AMACKER, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers,

Ministers.	Post Office.
E. D. Miller	Holly Springs, Miss.
J. W. Lipsey	Coldwater, "
A. G. Perry	" "
Plautus Lipsey	" "
H. J. Smith	Arkabutla, "
J. E Barnett	" "
J. L. Brown	" "
J. W. Lee	Hernando, "
W. D. Howze	" "
M. Whittle	" "
W. M. Farmer	Senatobia, "
J. W. Echols	" "
W. A. O. Daniel	" "
W. P. Bond	" "
Jobe Harral	Eudora, "
J. D. Nichols	" "
H. J. Legge	Sardis, "
E. W. Spencer	" "
John Richardson	Wall Hill, "
W. L. Eddins	" "
T. J. Carter	Cockrum, "
John Thompson	" "
W. M. Gordon	Looxahoma, "
H. C. Lowry	Poplar Corner, "
N. F. Metts	Harmontown, "
L. W. Metts	" "
G. W. Floyd	Slayden's Crossing, "
I. M. Gray	Strayhorn, "
J. H. Hurdle	Slayden's Crossing, "
J. B. Canada	Collierville, Tenn.
G. W. Johnson	" "
A. G. Parrott	Germantown, "
J. W. Collins,	Lewisburg, Miss.
E. L. Wesson	Byhalia, "
G. W. Hollowell	Wallace, "
J. F. Hailey	Olive Branch, "

LICENTIATES

T. J. Harwell	Hernando, Miss.
D. J. Perry	" "
P. H. Dolahite	Love's "
Cathey Austin	Coldwater, "
J. W. Sturdevant	" "
W. R. King	Strayhorn, "
D L. Frazer	" "
Thomas Woolfolk	Senatobia, "
J. F. Allen	Batesville, "
J. S. Peterson	" "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Sabbaths.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Assoc'nal Missions.	Ministerial Education	Mississippi College.	Sabbath-School Contributions.	Minutes.	CLERK
Hernando	DeSoto	Hernando	J. W. Lee	J. W. Lee, M. Whittle, J. L. Boone	1, 3, 4	4	5		7			95			25 00				2 00	D. M. Slocum
Oak Grove	"	"	M. Whittle	W. D. Howze, J. H. Moore			3	1	21	23		66	5 00		25 00				1 00	C. E. Emmerson
Hopewell	Tate	Arkabutla	J. H. Amacker	S. H. Lusk, W. F. Sullivan, W. W. Powell	3				1			179	4 0	16 20					2 50	J. R. Turley
Grays' Creek	DeSoto	Hernando	C. M. Gray	A. G. Perry, J. R. Cates	2, 4	6	11				1	46	1 50		4 20				1 00	W. S. Oliver
Mt. Manna	"	Cockrum	John Thompson	T. J. Carter, J. N. Lusk, John Thompson	2	6						29	4 45						50	J. N. Lusk
Central Coldwater	Tate	Coldwater	J. W. Lipsey	James Page, A. G. Atkins, W. T. Stovall	1	1			10			110	25 55	25 50	19 60		25 50		2 50	W. R. Vaughan
Ebenezer	DeSoto	Love's Station	W. M. Farmer	C. C. Dockery, E. S. Manning, S. P. Dolahite	3, 4				3	1	1	8	29 0		29 50				75	S. P. Dolahite
Bold Springs	"	Poplar Corner	J. W. Collins	Joseph Hare, S. A. Hughey, A. W. Smith	2	2	5					27	5 75						1 25	A. W. Smith
Hollywood	Tunica		J. W. Collins	No delegates name in letter	2	4	8					5							50	I. B. Howard
Eudora	DeSoto	Eudora	Jobe Harral	Jobe Harral, W. R. Barbee, James Reilley	4							33	50 00		2 00				1 00	H. T. Reed
Holly Springs	Marshall	Holly Springs	E. D. Miller	E. D. Miller, Samuel Rather, Mrs. Belle S. Bates	1		4	2				37	5 00		10 00				1 00	Belle S. Bates
Central Hill	DeSoto	Olive Branch	G. W. Johnson	A. M. Harraway, C. M. Hayne Mrs. Sallie Hayne	1,2,3,4							50			23 00				1 00	D. H. Harraway
Coldwater	Marshall	Collierville	G. W. Floyd	R. J. Dean, H. E. Loyd, B. F. Martin	1				1	8	1	61	15 40		15 50				1 00	B. F. Martin
State Line	DeSoto	Olive Branch	G. W. Johnson	J. F. Hailey, M. Blocker, M. Murray	2	2	1	1				59	8 0	15 00					1 10	J. W. Taylor
Pleasant Grove	Marshall	Red Banks	E. L. Wesson	A. E. Crook, W. A. Cisco, J. M. Norman	4	2	3		1		1	42	6 75		15 00				1 00	E. L. Harris
Byhalia	"	Byhalia	E. L. Wesson	Wm. Rodgers, R. E. Boswell, Bruce Martin	1	4	3				3	73	8 25		25 00				2 15	L. H. Shimsuitt
Elam	"	Watson	John Thompson	J. W. Stevens, W. A. Rodgers, John Richelle	2, 4	2	11		4		4	8	4 0	2 00	1 00				5	J. W. Stevens
New Prospect	DeSoto	Lusburg	John Richardson	W. H. Burton, M. R. Seago, H. H. Collins, Jr.	4			1	9	3		5		10 00					1 00	J. A. Smith
Pleasant Hill	"	Pleasant Hill	J. W. Lee	R. S. Flinn, J. B. Moody, T. J. Wesson	1				4			59	15 00		9 00		5 00		2 0	C. A. Hightower
Philadelphia	Marshall	Wall Hill	John Richardson	Edward Russell, T. O. Baugh, W. L. Harris	2	21	2			1		58			5 00				70	H. F. McKnight
Como	Panola	Como		No delegates	2		2		2		1									
Alexandria	Marshall	Slayden's Crossing	J. B. Canada	W. J. Coopwood, R. P. McCandliss, W. J. McDougal		4	2		1		1	117	5 00		12 80				1 30	R. P. McCandless
New Hope	Tate	Cockrum	John Richardson	John Richardson, W. E. Grady, W. J. Jamison, W. W. Perry	3	3	5	2	3	14	1	131	5 00		15 00				1 50	J. A. McNeely
Sardis	Panola	Sardis	E. W. Spencer	E. W. Spencer, A. V. Gates	1, 3		1		1		2	81		73 15	33 70			68 00	2 00	L. F. Ranyard
Salem	Tate	Senatobia	H. J. Legge	R. H. Braddy, A. M. King	2	17	8	5	5	2	2	106	5 00		10 70				2 0	A. D. Turney
Panola	Panola	Batesville	E. W. Spencer	Ella Van Voris, Laura Shuford	2, 4		2		3			42		73 85	10 90				1 0	Not reported
Longtown	"	Longtown	J. E. Barnett	No delegates	3	2	2		2	2	1	60		9 10					2 50	B. Davis
Senatobia	Tate	Senatobia	W. P. Bond	W. P. Bond, H. J. Mitchell, D. S. McCracken, W. M. Farmer	1,2,3,4		6		7			183	40 50	47 55	134 35	8 90	13 00	6 00	2 00	M. P. Moore
McIver	Panola	Batesville	E. D. Huster	W. C. Lamaster, Elbert Dunn, Sidney Perry	2		5	1	5	17		46			2 55				1 50	W. C. Lemaster
Peach Creek	"	Melrose	J. W. Lipsey	T. F. Keating, S. C. English	2	9	12		4	1	1	12	55 00	37 00	9 85	6 50	8 50		1 00	J. H. Williams
Oak Ridge	"	Star Place		No delegates	1	6	4	2	5	2	1	54	3 0		10 40					
Unity	"	Como	H. J. Legge	D. J. Myers, A. W. Ray, J. L. Brewton	3		2					23	7 75		5 00				1 50	J. L. Brewton
Hebron	"	Sardis	N. F. Metts	H. J. Legge, C. W. Legge	45	13	6	4	2		1	35	1 60	1 00	2 00				1 00	C. W. Legge
White Oak Grove	"	Longtown	E. D. Huster	J. H. Holcombe, M. F. Malone	4		6		6	4		61	6 00	6 00					1 00	M. G. Nelson
Bethel	Tate	Coldwater	J. W. Lipsey	Joel W. Sturdivant, Wm. C. Potter	4	3	2	1	11	11	1	403	20 00	3 00					7 10	F. Boone
Tyro	"	Tyro	H. J. Legge	W. W. Graham, M. N. Martin	1	1	9		5			66	7 50	8 00			10 00		1 50	G. W. Duries
Union	Panola	Sardis	W. M. Farmer	C. M. Self, W. W. Young, W. L. Grise	4		8		3			19	1 00		5 3				2 00	C. C. Brown
Evansville	Tate	Strayhorn		No delegates	2	9		2	3		1	68		10 00						
Strayhorn	"	"	I. M. Gray	I. M. Gray, C. J. Pierce, D. L. Frazer	1	4	2	3		2	1	61	3 00	2 00					75	S. L. Clayton
Looxahoma	"	Looxahoma	W. A. O'Daniel	Wm. M. Gordon, A. J. Dickson	3	7	2		6	4	2	8			10 00				1 00	A. J. Dickson
Mercury	"	Senatobia	W. A. O'Daniel	G. W. Garrison, Thomas Woodfolk	1	24	8	6		3	1	141	15 00	47 40					1 00	R. L. Henshaw
Mt. Moriah	Marshall	Chulahoma	W. M. Farmer	B. L. Milam, W. T. Holcombe, Lucius Miller	3							68		10 00					2 50	A. S. Quinn
Hickory Grove	Tate	Eckles	E. L. Wesson	A. W. Eckles, A. B. F. Crawford, E. E. DeShazo	3	5	5	1	6			37	5 00	4 35					2 00	A. B. F. Crawford
New Hope	Lafayette	Harmontown	N. F. Metts	N. F. Metts, J. C. Allen, J. M. Petty	1	14	5	8	9	9		22	5 00	11 00					5	R. A. Johnson
Harmony	"	"	G. W. Holdwell	D. C. McCampbell, W. B. Phillips								169	8 80	11 75					1 25	D. C. McCampbell
Chulahoma	Marshall	Chulahoma	W. M. Farmer	R. P. Bowen, Fenner Moore, W. H. Moore											3 3				1 00	J. M. Wall
Mt. Zion	Tate	Independence	J. H. Amacker	J. H. Amacker, C. F. Brewton, G. M. Eavenson, J. C. Drake, J. C. Hancock															1 50	J. C. Hancock
Grace	"	Senatobia	N. F. Metts	No letter																
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